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MONDAY.....	100,600
TUESDAY.....	106,500
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THURSDAY.....	102,800
FRIDAY.....	106,760
SATURDAY.....	106,880
Average for the entire month of March.....	106,291

## WOMEN INSPECTORS.

The Central Labor Union showed its magnanimity by giving a hearty indorsement to the efforts of the Workingwomen's Society to secure an amendment to the law providing for six women inspectors of factories.

A bill to this effect is to be submitted to the Legislature, and it should have unanimous approval. There are needs among the army of girls and women employed in factories which only a member of their own sex could discover. A keen-eyed, warm-hearted, intelligent woman's inspection is needed in these places for the safety, the comfort and the moral and physical welfare of the female operatives.

As long as women are compelled to work in factories they are entitled to the utmost protection.

## A DANGEROUS DOCTRINE.

Dr. McGlynn approaches a danger line when he teaches his followers that a starving man has the right to take a loaf of bread by force or stealth, "if necessary."

There is much virtue in an inf. The right of life is paramount to that of property, when it comes to the starving point. But the danger consists in the fact that many men would rather steal or beg than work; and finding themselves without food from either resource, might act upon the reverend Doctor's license in a manner wholly different from what he intended.

Besides, the District-Attorney's office is just now sorely in need of some "vindictions." And if a poor, hungry devil should steal a loaf of bread it might go hard with him.

## GHOSTS.

Some of the phenomena of "Spiritualism," so-called, are of a character to challenge the thoughtful consideration of those who, unlike Thoreau and most busy and well-balanced men, are not satisfied with "one world at a time."

But the trick-performing, money-grabbing, credulity-insulting performances of charlatans in the "medium business" are quite another thing. The alleged "spirit paintings" and the gibberish that purports to come from the shades of great men in the world are enough to make rational people echo Emerson's tremendous sneer: "These things make us wish for a more effective suicide."

Why is it that a proportion of mankind dearly love to be humbugged?

## SHADE OF THACKERAY.

There is a blizzard in a punch-bowl at Louisville over the performance of a rich contractor and ward politician in the hitherto exclusive "Pendennis Club."

The obnoxious member's strong points are his money and his "influence," but it is charged that he "lacks breeding and cannot read or write."

And this is the "Pendennis Club." Shades of Thackeray and of the grandest gentleman in fiction, Col. Newcombe, fancy such an element in a club bearing the name of "Pen!" The literary and well-bred coterie in Louisville has certainly had hard luck.

The burning of Congressman Phelps's house at Hackensack will cause a feeling of regret in the minds of many who do not personally know its owner and have never seen the residence. The destruction of a home is always a sad event—there are so many things that can never be replaced. To Mr. Phelps's home there were attached historic associations, and its picturesque appearance and valuable contents make its destruction a real loss to New Jersey.

When it comes to sporting news THE EVENING WORLD is always a sure winner. Its triumph of last season was repeated on Saturday, when THE EVENING WORLD was on the street with the result of the game between the New Yorks and the Jaspers, and selling in front of the Evening Sun office nine minutes before that boastful laggard made its appearance.

Why should JACOB SHARP object to being tried in a city that he claims to have benefited so greatly and which last fall voted to temper the prosecution of public thieves and bribees with a big dose of the "milk of human kindness?"

Nature indulged in an April fool trick yesterday—sending a rain and hail storm after a morning of sunshine.

## The Most Interesting.

Reporter—Senator, what has been the most interesting period of your life?  
Senator Edmunds—The glacial period.

## ABOUT TOWN GOSSIP.

Local Agent Craig, of the B. & O., is a favorite with dramatic people.

Charles Rowley, of Spalding's, could write a book on what he knows about guns. He is, besides, one of the best shots in the city.

Prof. Fred Lubin, of Clarendon Hall, if he were so disposed, could tell a good deal about "spirit" paintings. At one time in his younger days he was famous as a medium.

## BUDS FROM JERSEY CITY.

City Marshal Long is preparing for his busiest season—the election.

Senator Edwards is the most boyish-looking of Hudson County's representatives at Trenton.

Clerk Westcott, of the Board of Education, is one of the most profane organists in the city.

Mr. William T. Evans is an art enthusiast and has one of the finest private collections in Jersey City.

Cornelius Zahradke, the well-known banker, is the largest stockholder of the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn.

Mike O'Donnell, the popular clerk of the Court of Sessions, will abandon court duties for others. He has been appointed Assistant Postmaster.

Peter Henderson, the seedman, converts a large section of the hill into a flower garden in the spring. The grounds about his house are the finest in Jersey City.

## HEARD AT THE CITY HALL.

The following bits of conversation were overheard at the City Hall:

"James G. Blaine has Bright's disease and cannot live much longer."

"There goes the little fellow who hoists the flags and pumps the water."

"The Aldermen are receiving tickets for the early elections."

"When a crowd of New York Aldermen arrive in Albany the bartenders have to postpone their night off."

"Whose turn is it to work the growler to-day?" asked one of the City Hall reporters.

"It is my turn," replied a young scribe, and he started on his journey to interview Mayor Hewitt.

"I hear that Police Commissioner John H. Voorhis is to succeed Gen. Newton as Commissioner of Public Works."

"Ex-Senator Daggett says he is out of politics, but wishes it to be understood that he has not reformed."

"If Police Justices were elected there would not be one of the present Justices who would have a chance of holding office."

"They are talking of having a torch-light procession in Harlem because the dog pound has been moved up there."

"Dr. Isaac Robinson, of the Board of Assessors, says that swelled head is a disease familiar to politicians who secure a big office."

"Nowadays conventions are only ratification meetings. They meet to ratify nominations made beforehand by the bosses."

"He was an Assemblyman and now he is broke."

"Of course; you see he only served one term. You have to be re-elected to be taken in."

"Don't they 'take you in' the first time?"

"Yes; but the second 'take you in' is different from the first 'take you in.'"

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OR,  
New York in the Seventies.

From the Detective Diary of

Supt. William Murray,

of the Metropolitan Police.

CHAPTER I.—CONTINUED.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE EVENING WORLD.]

INSPECTOR Murray was attending to police business connected with his district on the morning of Oct. 1 of that eventful year when Capt. Blake, of the Staten Island police, was announced.

He was admitted and when seated he laid before the New York Inspector an anonymous letter he had received. He gave a graphic story of finding the mutilated body of a female in a barrel which was sunk in Silver Lake, but no where was there a mark of identity. The anonymous letter merely said:

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## HEARTY APPROVAL BY ALL.

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Gratification Over the Fact That the Assembly Has Ordered the Free Lecture Bill to a Third Reading—Young Workingmen Who Are Fond of Scientific Studies, But Are Unable to Pursue Them.

The news from Albany in regard to THE EVENING WORLD Free Lecture bill is a source of gratification to all interested in the subject of public education. As is shown by the interviews procured by THE EVENING WORLD reporters, there are many intelligent young workingmen who have a strong desire to study scientific subjects, and who are unable to do so because of the want of facilities at present.

The fact that the Assembly has ordered the bill to a third reading brings knowledge one step nearer to all such.

Following are interviews with people in every station in life:

John Finn, florist, Sixty-seventh street and Second avenue, says that THE EVENING WORLD's Lecture bill is an excellent thing, and that a lecture on botany especially, would enlighten many people who have flowers and do not understand the care of them.

Lewis M. Dennett, a Third Avenue clothier, said: "The Lecture bill is a most excellent idea—just what the people want."

William Marr, the artist, of 10 East Forty-third street, said: "I regard the Free Lecture bill most favorably. It is by far the best way of reaching the masses and giving the poor a liberal education."

Rev. Dr. Amos W. Lyford said that the bill had his hearty approval. He hoped sincerely that it would become a law.

Robert Cushing, the sculptor, favors the bill at night.

Peter Livechild, the Broadway jeweller, said: "My son is very fond of scientific studies and reads a great deal on such subjects. He has always expressed a desire to attend lectures, but has been unsuccessful in his search for free ones. His case is only one of many. It would be the best thing in the world if the Free Lecture bill were passed, whereby the working people could learn the rudiments of science."

James S. Evans, who is employed in one of the large breweries uptown, is an enthusiastic advocate of the Free Lecture bill. He is fond of study, but cannot indulge this taste owing to lack of time in the day and lack of facilities at night.

Franz Vetta, the basso, became interested when an EVENING WORLD reporter spoke of the Free Lecture bill. Mr. Vetta has travelled all over the world, and in foreign countries the system of having schools for science exclusively is universal and teachers well up in what they teach are employed by the governments to lecture to the masses on scientific subjects. I think it would be the best thing that could happen should such a system be organized in this city.